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SUBJECT: FIRST DAY OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SPAIN

1. SECRETARY ARRIVED IN MADRID ON DEC 18 AT 1710
AND WAS GREETED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AMBASSADOR RIVERO
AND A NUMBER OF SPANISH AND US OFFICIALS. IN BRIEF ARRIVAL
STATEMENT, SECRETARY REMARKED: RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND
SPAIN WERE VERY GOOD BUT NATURALLY SHOULD BE REVIEWED FROM
TIME TO TIME WITH VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING THEM. HE HAD JUST
MADE LONG TRIP THROUGH MIDDLE EAST AND INTENDED TO HAVE
TALKS WITH SPANISH TO SEE IF EXISTING SITUATION COULD BE
IMPROVED. HE HOPED VISIT WOULD BE FRUITFUL NOT ONLY FOR
SPANISH-U.S. RELATIONS BUT ALSO FOR IMPROVING WORLD SITUATION.

2. SECRETARY CALLED ON GENERAL FRANCO AT 07:30 P.M. AND
SPOKE WITH HIM FOR ABOUT A HALF HOUR GENERALLISSIMO APPEARED
TO BE IN ONE OF HIS DOWN PHYSICAL STATES AND MADE ONLY
A FEW REMARKS IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION.
SECRETARY TOUCHED UPON US EFFORTS TO ARRANGE
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS, MENTIONING
DISPATCH OF US-USSR LETTER TO UN RE PEACE CONFERENCE
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BEGINNING DEC 21. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT SOVIET-US RELATIONS

AND PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLY SITUATION.

3. THE SECRETARY CALLED ON PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AT 2010 AND CONVERSED WITH HIM IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. PRINCE REFERRED TO SPAIN'S LOYAL FRINDSHIP TO US AS KEYSTONE OF FRANCO'S POLICY AND HIS OWN AS FUTURE KING, ADDING THAT SPAIN WOULD DO WHATEVER IT COULD FOR US. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IT WAS REASSURING TO VISIT SPAIN AND THAT US POLICY WAS ONE DEDICATED FRIENDSHIP TO SPAIN. JUAN CARLOS WENT ON TO SAY THAT SPAIN NEEDED AN AGREEMENT WITH US RE ISSUE OF ATLANTIC DELCARATION. SECRETARY TOLD JUAN CARLOS THAT US WAS PREPARED TO MAKE A SEPARATE TRILATERAL DECLARATION INCLUDING SPAIN IF EUROPEAN AGREED OR A SEPARATE BILATERAL ONE WITH SPAIN SAYING MORE OR LESS SAME THING. SECOND ALTERNATIVE, HE OBSERVED, MIGHT BE EASIER SOLUTION. JUAN CARLOS SAID THAT FONMIN LOPEZ RODO HAD REPORTEDLY ALREADY DRAFTED A BILATERAL DECLARATION. AFTER NOTING THAT ORIGINAL DRAFTS WITH EEC AND NATO HAD UNDERGONE CHANGES. SECRETARY SAID BILATERAL DECLARATION COULD BE MADE CONSISTENT, ADDING THAT THERE WAS NOTHING US WOULD DO WITH EUROPEANS THAT WE WOULD NOT DO WITH SPAIN. SECRETARY REVEIUED RECENT US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY EXPRESSED THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE BY SPANISH AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO DURING LAST FEW YEARS. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, PRINCE MENTIONED SPAIN'S STRONG AND STABLE ECONOMY AND POLICY AND HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE FOR WHICH HE WAS WORKING VERY HARD. SECRETARY SAID THAT US LOOKED UPON SPAIN AS ONE OF STAUNCH ALLIES AND FRIENDS AND HE WAS CERTAIN THAT TWO SIDES COULD WORK OUT SMALL PROBLEMS. JUAN CARLOS REPLIED THAT THESE WERE ONLY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. PRINCE ASKED SECRETARY TO RELAY VERY BEST REGARDS TO US PRESIDENT.

4. AFTER TALKS WITH PRINCE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY MET ALONE AT THE MFA FOR ABOUT HALF HOUR, AFTER WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OFFERED A DINNER AT VIANA PALACE IN THE SECRETARY'S HONOR. AMONG 46 PERSONS ATTENDING WERE MINISTERS OF FINANCE, OF COMMERCE AND OF INFORMATION-TOURISM, UNDERSECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF SPAIN, THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE AND RANKING MFA OFFICIALS.

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5. IN LONG DINNER TOAST, FONMIN LOPEZ RODO PAID TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO FURTHER PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES, HIS INSPIRATIONAL CONDUCT OF US DIPLOMACY, HIS REALIZATION OF NEED BASE INTERNATIONAL ORDER ON MULTIPOLAR EQUILIBRIUM, HIS QUALITIES AS MAN OF ACTION AND AS GENUINE INTELLECTUAL WITH PROFOUND SENSE OF HISTORY. FONMIN WENT ON TO STATE SPAIN, WITH ITS PRESENCE ON THREE CONTINENTS, WAS

ONE OF PIECES THAT MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN BUILDING NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER.SPAIN CONCEIVED CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE NOT AS CONSORTIUM OF SELFISH INTERESTS, BULOAS HISTORICLA DESTINY AND IDEA OF SERVICE TO EUROPE'S OWN REAL INTERESTS, TO ATLANTIC AREA OF WHICH SPAIN PART, AND TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. FONMIN CONCLUDED BY RECALLING THAT SPAIN, UNDER CHARLES III, HAD SHOWN HISTORICAL VISION BY DECIDING TO SUPPORT COLONIES IN REVOLUTION AGAINST BRITAIN.

6. ANSWERING TOAST EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, SECRETARY AGREED FULLY WITH FONMIN'S DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SCENE. HE CONTINUED: THIS WAS TIME OF IMPORTANT HISTORICAL TRANSITION, PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR US, WHICH FOUND ITSELF SUDDENLY IMMERSSED IN WORLD AFFAIRS AFTER WORLD WAR II AND NOW HAD TO REEVALUATE PREMISES OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY. US NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY HAD GIVEN WAY TO SOMETHING APPROACHING NUCLEAR EQUILIBRIUM. SOME OF ITS ONCE DEPENDENT ALLIES IN EUROPE AND FAR EAST WERE BEGINNING TO DEFINE INDEPENDENT POLICIES AND AT TIMES TO SEEK THEIR IDENTITY IN OPPOSITION TO US. POST-WAR ECONOMIC SYSTEM WAS ALSO IN STATE OF TRANSITION. US RELATIONS WITH FORMER ADVERSARIES HAD EVOLVED INTO SINGULAR MIXTURE OF COOPERATION AND ANTAGONISM. WHEREAS IN PAST, US COULD OVERCOME MOST PROBLEMS BY APPLICATION PHYSICAL RESOURCES, US NOW HAD TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY LIKE OTHER STATES, CHOOSING BETWEEN PRIORITIES, ALLOCATING LIMITED RESOURCES FOR SEEMINGLY UNLIMITED ENDS, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT DESIRE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT DIDN'T ALWAYS COINCIDE. FROM THESE DIFFICULTIES, US WOULD EMERGE STRONGER AND MORE UNITED WITH THAT MIXTURE OF IDEALISM AND GOOD COMMON SENSE THAT LED TO GREAT PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. U.S. COULD NOT CONSTRUCT BY ITSELF NEW WORLD ORDER MENTIONED BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

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CONCLUDING, SECRETARY VOICED CONFIDENCE THAT NEXT DAY'S CONVERSATIONS WOULD RESULT IN REAFFIRMATION FRIENDSHIP AND TIES THAT WOULD CONTINUE LINK TWO NATIONS FOR DECADES IN INTEREST OF NEW ORDER OF PROGRESS AND PEACE.
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